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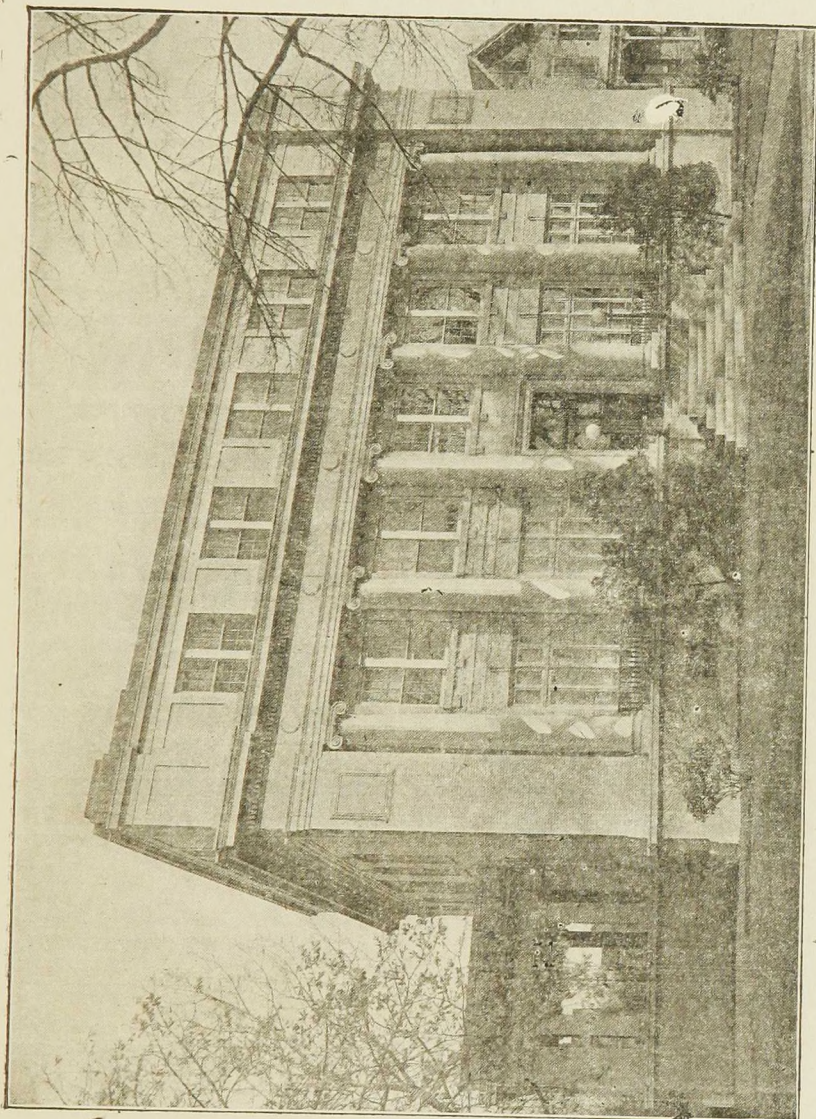
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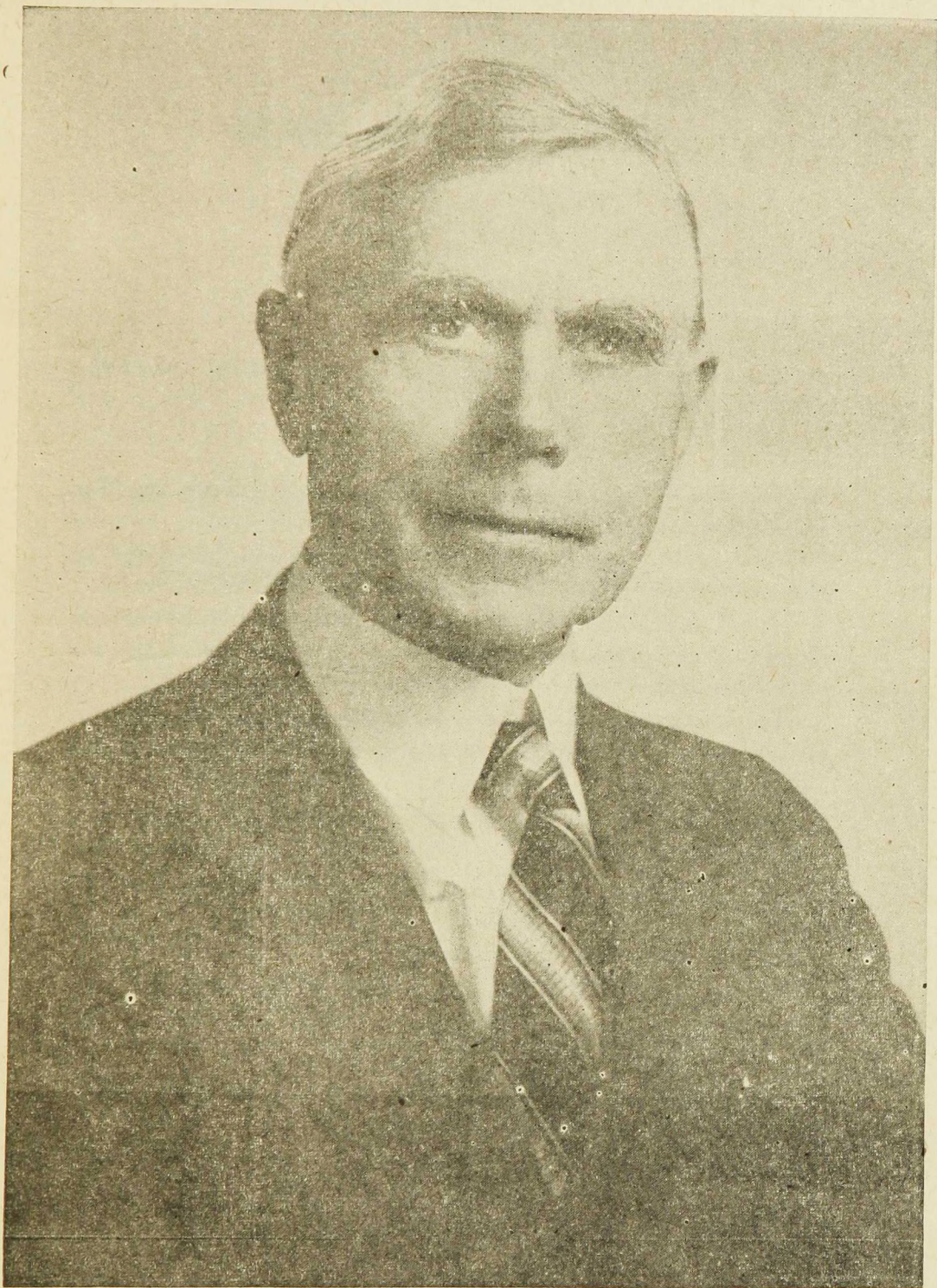
President's Message

Dear Friends:

I wish to extend to all of you my heartiest congratulations. Some of you are already engaged in the work of the Christian ministry and others are prepared for it. I trust you may find enduring happiness and satisfaction as well as abundant success in your chosen field of labor. Others of you are continuing your studies. It is my hope that you will take full advantage of the opportunities that are yours and fit yourselves for a responsible place in the service of the church and of society. All of you have had privileges and immunities that have been denied to the majority of our people. I trust you will justify your worthiness of such favor by devoted and sacrificial service and by making a rich contribution to the life of our Country and the World.

Most sincerely yours,

JOSEPH HUNTER



JOSEPH HUNTER, M. A., D. D.

SEMINARY GRADUATE

WILLIAM B. KNICKEL

Bachelor of Divinity

Stanton, New Jersey

"But now abideth faith, hope, love, these three: and the greatest of these is love." (I Cor. 13:13)

William B. Knickel was born in Kingston, New York on May 14, 1917, the son of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Knickel. His father was then a minister in the Reformed Church of Kingston and at present is minister of the Reformed Church of Stanton, N. J.

After graduating from Flemington High School, he entered Hope College in Holland, Michigan from which he graduated, receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree.

He entered upon his ministerial studies at New Brunswick Seminary, but at the end of his first year, he transferred to Bloomfield Seminary.

While in school he has worked on farms around Stanton, and has also worked full time at the Walter Kidde Co. of Bloomfield.

He has been acting minister at churches in North Blenheim and Aureisville, New York. At the present time he is directing young people's work in rural churches.

He was formerly a member of the Stanton Reformed Church, but is now a member of the Westminster Church of Bloomfield, under the Presbytery of Newark.

Upon graduation Mr. Knickel plans to enter the Mission field, and is expecting appointment to Alaska.

SEMINARY GRADUATE

ISAIAH G. BELL
Bachelor of Divinity
Newark, N. J.

"He that hath the Son hath life: and He that hath not the Son of God hath not life. (I John 5:12)"

Isaiah G. Bell was born in Newark, N. J. on July 26th, 1910, the son of Isaiah Bell and the late Mrs. Elizabeth Bell. He graduated from Barringer High School and then attended Hampton Institute in Virginia. He later transferred to Bloomfield College and Seminary and here received his B. A. degree in 1943.

At the present time he is acting pastor of St. Augustine's Presbyterian Church, Paterson, N. J. For two years he served as student assistant of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Bloomfield, N. J. He is a member of the 13th Avenue Church, Newark, of which the Rev. Dr. H. Beecher Jackson is pastor.

Mr. Bell was one of the first members of the Court St. Y. M. C. A. where he did boys work and aided in organizing the Hunton Hi-Y Club and the Phalanx Fraternity. Mr. Bell has been active in Young Peoples Work throughout the state and has served in many of the local churches.

He was ordained on April 8, 1944 in the Chapel of Bloomfield College and Seminary.

Mr. Bell would like to enter the Home Mission field for the duration and then do Foreign Mission work after the war.

SEMINARY GRADUATE

EDWIN HASCALL BROWN

Theological Diploma

Califon, N. J.

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Phil. 4:13)

Edwin Hascall Brown was born in Newark, N. J., on August 30, 1914, the son of Mrs., and the late Doctor Richard J. Brown.

After graduating from Columbia High School of South Orange, he entered Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pa., from which he also graduated and received his degree.

For three years after graduating from college he was in the business world, first being employed by the National Cash Register Company as a salesman. He then formed a partnership and entered into the auto sales business. Prior to and during his three years of Seminary he worked in a Service station.

Deciding to enter the Christian ministry, he entered Bloomfield Seminary to prepare himself.

Mr. Brown is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Orange, in the Presbytery of Morris and Orange. He has assisted the minister in First Church and while in Seminary preached numerous times in neighboring churches, including the North Reformed of Newark, the Orange Valley and William Street churches and the Garwood Presbyterian Church.

He was recently ordained and installed as pastor of the Lower Valley and Fairmount Presbyterian Churches.

He lives at the manse of the Lower Valley Church with his wife, the former Sara Jayne Smith and their four year old son, Richard Alan Brown.

SEMINARY GRADUATE

VICTOR BODNAR

Theological Diploma

10 Stanley Place, Yonkers, N. Y.

"For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:38-39)

Mr. Victor Bodnar was born in Hungary, on September 24, 1907, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bodnar who now live in Warren, Ohio.

He began his education in Hungary at the Gymnasium of Sarospatak, coming to the United States in 1925.

Prior to entering Bloomfield College he was a clerk and lived for many years in Phillipsburg, N. J. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Alpha, N. J. and under the Newton Presbytery.

While attending school, for five years he was pastor of the Magyar Presbyterian Church of Caldwell, N. J.

He is now an ordained minister and pastor of the Hungarian Presbyterian Church of Yonkers, New York. He lives in the manse with Mrs. Bodnar, the former Miss Helen Kormandy of Phillipsburg, New Jersey.

Through the Christian ministry, he intends to continue to serve God and humanity.

SEMINARY GRADUATE

ANTHONY A. MONTEIRO

Theological Diploma

31 Washington St., Bloomfield, N. J.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth: to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." (Romans 1:16)

Anthony A. Monteiro, was born in Portugal in 1906, the son of Joseph and Anna Travers Monteiro. He came to this country when only six years old. Mr Montiero has known the meaning of hard work, but never allowed it to prevent him from receiving an education. He has had experience as a weaver and as a foundryman.

He attended Barringer High School and also the Eliot Preparatory School in Newark, taking the State Regent examinations at Newark State Teachers College. Entering Bloomfield College in 1937, he also took college courses in the evening division of our school and started his Seminary work in 1940.

At the present time he is living in Bloomfield with his wife, the former Miss Pauline Sousa of Lowell, Mass, and his three children.

He is a member of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church of Newark, which is located in the Presbytery of Newark. At the present time he is supplying pulpits in and around Newark.

Mr. Montiero has the distinction of being the first theological student to conduct organized religious services in a factory, which he began to hold soon after the outbreak of our present war. The work was very successful and he wrote a pamphlet entitled, "God at Work in the Industries of the U. S. A." describing his experiences.

He intends to be a pastor and evangelist. His consecrated life makes him a forceful, interesting and capable preacher of the Gospel.

Mr. Monteiro believes that culture and spirituality are the essential tools for a good minister of Jesus Christ and has taken as his favorite motto; "Study and pray to be a great saint of God."

SEMINARY GRADUATE

VICTOR RACZ

Bachelor of Divinity

220 Fourth St., Passaic, N. J.

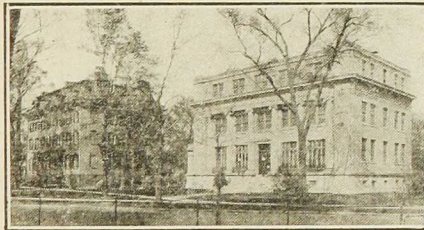
"I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." (John 11:25)

Victor Racz was born in Hungary, April 3, 1904, the son of Gabriel and Julia Racz, and received his education at the Count Stephen Bethlen University of Debrecen, Hungary.

He came to the United States of America in the year of 1927, and was ordained by the Hungarian Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Mr. Racz has served as pastor of the Trenton and Phoenixville Reformed Churches and now is pastor of the Hungarian Reformed Church of Passaic, N. J.

He was married in 1930, to the former Miss Irma E. Nagy of Brooklyn, New York, and lives in Passaic with his wife and two children, Gabrella 12, and Ernest 7.



SEMINARY GRADUATE

JOSEPH SCALISE

Bachelor of Divinity

"Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." (Matt. 6:10)

Joseph Scalise was born on December 13, 1919 in Hazelton, Pa., the son of Angelo and Marie Scalise. Mr. Scalise is employed as a coal miner near Hazelton.

Mr. Scalise attended Hazelton Senior High School where he was active in many sports. He came to Bloomfield in 1933 and received his B. A. degree in 1941.

He is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church of Hazelton which is under Lehigh Presbytery. The Rev. Fiore D'Isidoro, also a graduate of Bloomfield Seminary, is pastor of this church. Mr. Scalise was active among the young people of his home church.

Mr. Scalise plans on entering the Navy as a Chaplain shortly after graduation.



A Message from Prof. John E. Slater

When the men in the service of our country have completed a phase of their training they go forward leaving behind instructors who possibly may wonder how successful they have been in getting men ready for the test about to come. This is their great concern - to provide the best possible preparation for any situation the service man may have to face. This is the teacher's ambition. And he watches with no little interest the results of his work.

It is thus that we will be watching you, the departing graduates of our seminary. Your real battle is ahead. How well will you stand up under the actual tests in the field? You are in a succession of men who are a satisfaction and a pride to their seminary having met our highest expectation. We have no reason to believe that you will do less.

This is a day of unparalleled opportunity. It is also a day when indifferent work is inexcusable. You therefore must gird yourselves to do the impossible. That will be what we shall look for — which need occasion you no surprise after years in our classrooms.

After you have faced and accepted this challenge, even with your wealth of professional training your sufficiency still will be not in yourself but in the One you are out to serve. You needed Him in school more than you first dreamed you would, so will it be in the work you go to. And your success and your happiness will be measured not alone by what you can produce but by your will to live close to and obtain the help of God.

You go then, not only with our best wishes, but with our sure confidence that your long hours spent in study will bring rich reward in many fruitful years of blessed service.

COLLEGE GRADUATE

FRANK FLISSER

Bachelor of Arts

4 Brookside Ave., New Brunswick, N. J.

Frank Flisser was born in Perth Amboy, New Jersey on October 26, 1918, the son of Michael and Ethel Kutas Flisser. Mr. Michael Flisser is a maintenance man for the Public Service.

Graduating from New Brunswick High School, Frank worked in the Mengel Box Company of New Brunswick and also studied at Rutger's Summer School. His first year of College was spent at Wagner College in Staten Island, but then transferred to Bloomfield College.

He has been Chaplain at the Boy Scout Camp of the Greater New York Federation of Churches, and has been supply preacher in many pulpits, especially among the Hungarian Churches.

Frank has a business head, and while in school has worked for the Postal Diner, and Arlette, Inc., in Bloomfield. He has also worked in the recent political campaign in Montclair.

He is a member of the First Magyar Lutheran Church of New Brunswick, under the New Jersey Synod of the Lutheran Church. He will continue to prepare himself for the Christian Ministry either at Bloomfield Seminary or Biblical Seminary in New York.

COLLEGE GRADUATE

C. DANIEL GALLOWAY

Bachelor of Arts

158 Cosby Manor Road, Utica, N. Y.

C. Daniel Galloway was born in Utica, N. Y., on November 15, 1920, the son of Charles and Esther Galloway. His father is employed in the clothing manufacturing industry in Utica, and Utica has been the home of Daniel all his life. He was graduated from the Utica Free Academy, where he had been a prominent figure in its activities. He is a member of the Olivet Presbyterian Church of Utica and under the care of the Presbytery of Utica.

After graduation from Utica Free Academy, he entered Bloomfield College. Arriving in Bloomfield, he soon became active at the Old First Church. He became president of the Young People's Forum in addition to teaching a Sunday School class and taking care of the church bowling alleys.

While in Bloomfield he has also been employed in The Walter Kidde Company, Lehn and Fink and the Liberty Press.

This year Daniel was Primus of the Refectory and Grand Master of the Pi Delta Upsilon Fraternity. After graduation he plans to take his Seminary work at McCormick Seminary in Chicago. Miss Doris Godwin, of Bloomfield who will then be Mrs. Galloway expects to accompany him. In addition to becoming a Christian minister, Mr. Galloway also plans to raise a family.

COLLEGE GRADUATE

J. LESLIE INGLIS

Bachelor of Arts

267 E. Glen Ave., Ridgewood, N. J.

J. Leslie Inglis was born in Lynn, Massachusetts on March 8, 1921, the son of William S. and Isabella L. Inglis. After living in Lynn and Quincy, Massachusetts the family moved to New York City, and in 1938 Leslie graduated from the Newton High School.

For two years he was employed by the American Tobacco Company, and left this firm to enter Bloomfield College to prepare for Christian work. Soon after Leslie entered Bloomfield College, the Inglis family moved to Ridgewood, New Jersey and Mr. William Inglis accepted a position with the Wright Aeronautical Co.

Before entering school Leslie had worked in the Lutheran Chinese True Light Mission in New York City as a teacher. In school he continued this work, taking charge of the Chinese Sunday School of the Old First Presbyterian Church in Newark. He has also worked with boys in the Y. M. C. A.

An excellent singer, he is at the present time tenor soloist of the St. James Episcopal Church of Newark.

He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Ridgewood, New Jersey and under the care of the Presbytery of Jersey City,

Leslie will enter Princeton Seminary to prepare himself to become an evangelical missionary to China.

COLLEGE GRADUATE

JOHN E. SLATER, JR.

Bachelor of Arts

222 Liberty St., Bloomfield, N. J.

John E. Slater, Jr. the son of Professor John E. Slater and Faye Stewart Slater was born in Ramapo, New York on February 18, 1923, where his father was minister in the Presbyterian Church.

The Slater family has made their home in many different sections of the country. They lived in Greenville, Tennessee, while Mr. Slater was teaching in Tusculum College. From there they moved to Fairfield, Iowa where he accepted a position teaching in Parsons College, and from there to New York City where he taught in the National Bible Institute.

For the past twelve years they have lived on the grounds of Bloomfield Seminary, and in 1940 John graduated from Bloomfield High School.

Through the four years of college at Bloomfield he has entered into the activities of the school, and this year is president of the student body of the College. He is an excellent athlete and also an excellent student, graduating Magna Cum Laude. He has also studied at the School of Education, New York University.

For several years John has been a regular Sunday School teacher at the First Presbyterian Church of Orange, and is a member of the Westminster Church of Bloomfield under the Presbytery of Newark.

John has already been accepted by Princeton Seminary where he will continue his studies to prepare himself for the Christian ministry.

COLLEGE GRADUATE

THOMAS SCOTT WOOD

Bachelor of Arts

308 Midland Ave., E. Orange, N. J.

Thomas Scott Wood was born January 8, 1919 in Newark N. J. the son of Thomas H. and Florence Rowland Wood. For the past twenty years he has lived with his parents at 308 Midland Ave., E. Orange, N. J. His father is in the banking business.

Graduating from East Orange High School he furthered his studies by taking post graduate work at Barringer Evening High School of Newark. He also completed two years of schooling at the Newark Technical School.

Before entering Bloomfield College, he worked for four years at the Bell Telephone Laboratories in New York City as a messenger and clerk. He is a member of the Bethel Presbyterian Church of East Orange, in the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

Although Mr. Wood has not started his theological studies, for several years he has been Student Pastor during the summer months of the Helena and Brasher Falls Presbyterian Churches in upper New York State. At the present time he is assistant to the pastor at the Broughton Ave. Presbyterian Church of Bloomfield. He intends to enter Princeton Seminary to further prepare himself for the Christian ministry.

"Tommy" is always willing to do any task that is asked of him. He has a talent for planning original programs and does splendid creative work in posters and other art work. He was Grand Master of Pi Delta Upsilon Fraternity in 1942-1943.

Ave atque Vale!

In "Six Characters in Search of an Author", Pirandello presents a vivid picture of our present world-plight. An imaginary stage rehearsal is interrupted by six characters. They were conceived by the genius of an author who abandoned his story before its completion. The characters are seeking someone who will continue their story, direct their destinies and give them meaning.

Life in the American scene was for most of us moving with precision of a well-defined movie. Then Fate, if you like the word, snipped the magic film. As actors in life's drama we have been left in strange postures and are now searching for someone who will continue our story. The pretty scenery of make-believe has been blasted by bombs, the apparently solid garden walls and structures have been turned to ashes by a carelessly tossed lighted match. And like the characters of Pirandello, we look for someone to reset the stage, continue the story of our interrupted existence, and give inspiration and meaning to life. In short we are seeking our true selves.

Some of our students have joined the fire-fighters to extinguish the flames and clear away the rubbish of the conflagration and set anew the stage. But who is sufficient unto himself to set the stage and lay out the plot of his story beautiful?

The Seniors of our several academic units at Bloomfield (as well as those transferring to other schools) may be saying: we are in search of a new author to compose our lives henceforth, who will get our static selves into action and imbue us with his soul, who will keep in the background yet be mirrored in ourselves, who will link us with the past, yet face us toward the future. We are searching for the Author who understands us and will assign us roles suitable to our talents, through which he will develop our being and give destiny to life.

Turn then to the Man of Nazareth and behold the type of character you may become. He will give meaning to your life, link you with the great of the past and put a new song on your lips.

The Faculty and students who remain here salute you and bid you God's speed whatever part may be given you to play and wherever you may be. May yours be the conviction of the gallant seaman who said: "Be of good cheer, my friends, we are as near to Heaven by sea as by land,"

FRANK KOVACH

ACADEMY GRADUATES

JOSEPH CORSELLO

Joseph Corsello was born in Canicatti, Sicily on February 5, 1912, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Giacinto Corsello. He now lives at Bloomfield College and is a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Bloomfield. He is an ordained minister and is pastor of the First Italian Presbyterian Church of Jersey City. He will continue his studies at Bloomfield College and Seminary.

CONSTANTINE A. BALDASSARRE

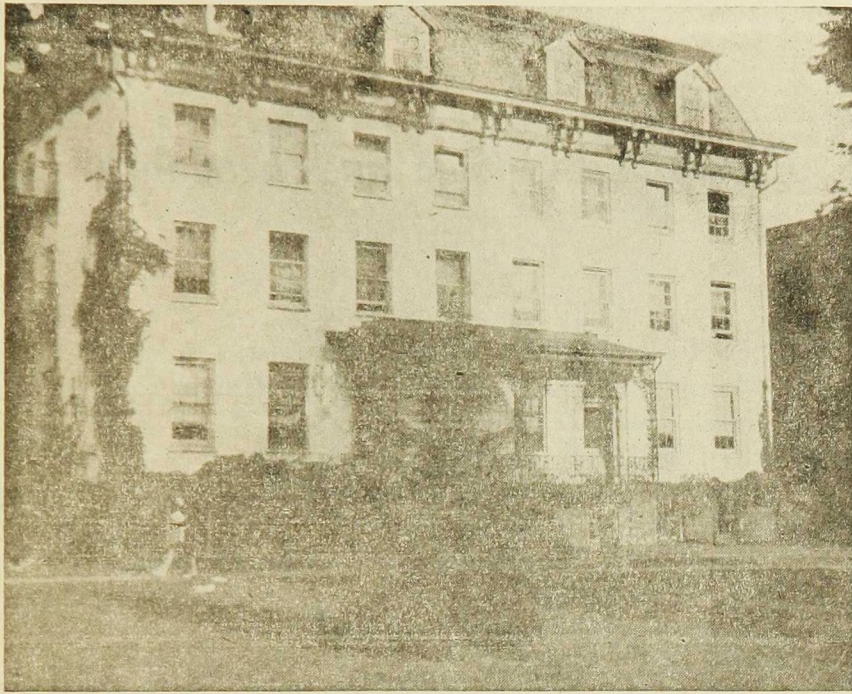
Constantine A. Baldassarre was born in Rosebank, Staten Island, on June 22, 1925 the son of Gennaro and Angelina Baldassarre. His present home is at 1251 Bay Street S. I. He is a member of the Church of Our Saviour Presbyterian Church of Rosebank, Staten Island under New York Presbytery. He will continue to prepare for the Christian Ministry at Bloomfield College and Seminary.

ANN VESELOWSKY

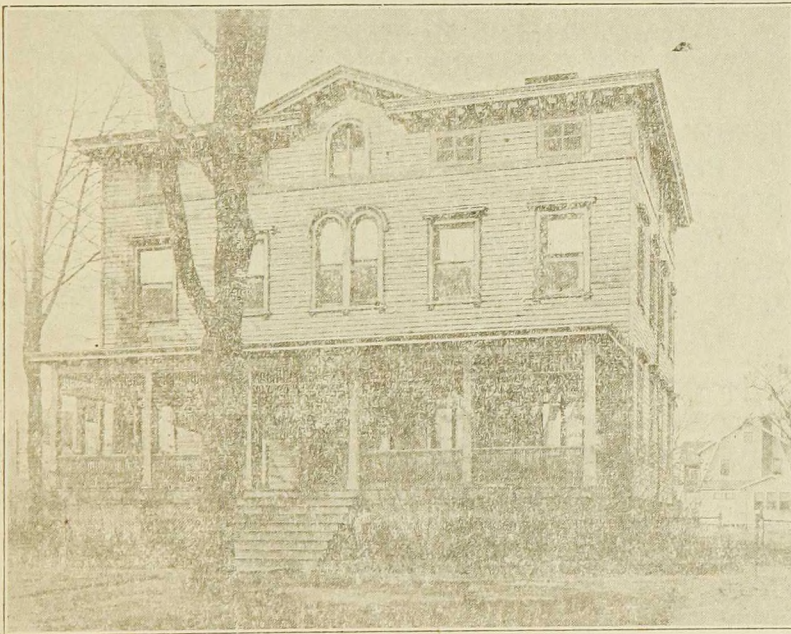
Ann Veselowsky was born in Poland on October 20, 1922, the daughter of Karl and Bertha Veselowsky. Her present home is in Swan River, Manitoba, Canada, to which she intends to return this summer. On January 21, 1944, she was married to Mr. John Miller of Teaneck, New Jersey, a student of Bloomfield College, who is now in the service of our country.

JOHN N. DIGIACOMO

John N. DiGiacomo was born in Lockport, N. Y. on May 5, 1913, the son of the Rev. Mr. Francesco S. DiGiacomo and the late Mrs. Maria Trapani DiGiacomo. His home is now at 9 Palmetto Street, Brooklyn, N Y. He intends to continue his preparation for the Christian ministry at Park College, Missouri.



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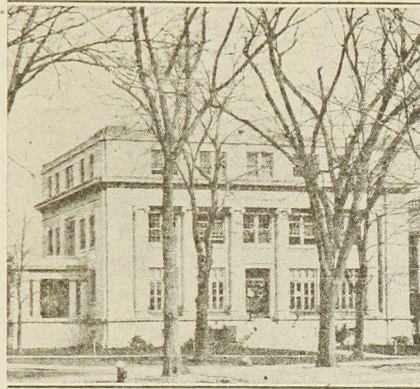
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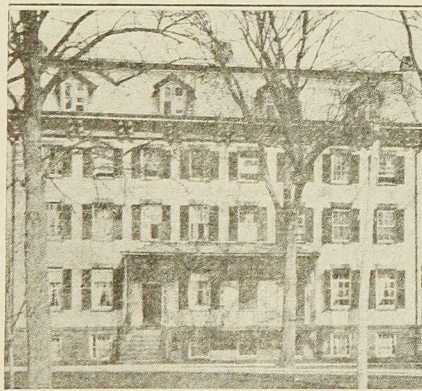
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